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In re Application of)
ZHU et al.)
Application No. 09/318,073)
Filed: May 25, 1999)
For: Thin Film Memory Device Having Local)
and External Magnetic Shielding)

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on May 21, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an Office action.

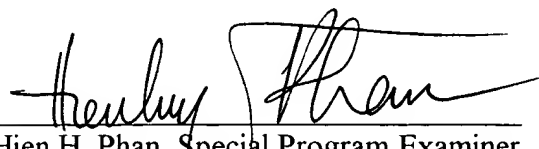
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office letter mailed on August 15, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 25, 2002.

Petitioner states that the Office letter of August 15, 2001 was never received by counsel, either present or prior, and attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office letter was not received. The petition includes a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

In view of the above showing, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The Office letter of August 15, 2001 required the ratification of the proposed amendment filed on June 5, 2001. The petition includes a ratification of the proposed amendment. Accordingly, the application file is being forwarded to the technical support staff for Technology Center 2800 for processing the amendment filed on June 5, 2001.


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